

## **SINGAPORE AND UN-HABITAT AIM TO SUPPORT UP TO A HUNDRED CITIES IN ACHIEVING THEIR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY GOALS BY 2030**

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The Government of Singapore and the UN-Habitat have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen and broaden their scope of cooperation with the renewal of their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). As part of the renewed MOU, Singapore and UN-Habitat will work with up to a hundred cities and support them in achieving their urban development and sustainability goals by 2030.

2 “Today, Singapore is refreshing our partnership with UN-Habitat to continue to cater to the pressing need of ensuring sustainable urbanisation in developing cities. This will not only involve delivering capacity building... we will assist cities to understand possible financing sources and models to execute projects, and monitor and evaluate progress of activities related to the capacity-building programmes for continuous improvement,” said Ms Indranee Rajah, Minister in The Prime Minister’s Office, Second Minister for Finance and Second Minister for National Development at the virtual MOU renewal ceremony which was held as part of the Centre for Liveable Cities webinar ‘UN-Habitat: Supporting Cities Through COVID-19’.

3 With the global urban population predicted to reach 68 per cent by 2050, city leaders and institutions need to have the skills, knowledge and tools to steer their cities towards a path of sustainable and inclusive urbanisation. Under the first MOU signed in 2016, 116 city officials from 43 cities across Africa and South America participated in the annual Singapore UN-Habitat International Leaders in Urban Governance Programme. These city officials brought the urbanisation strategies developed in

consultation with experts back to their cities to address various urban developmental issues, including affordable housing, public transportation, and land management.

4 Under the renewed MOU, the joint development programmes will be expanded to cities in other continents, beyond Africa and South America. Participating cities will also be able to access international knowledge-sharing platforms such as the upcoming World Cities Summit in June 2021 and the World Urban Forum in 2022.

5 “It is my pleasure to participate in the extension of the partnership with the Centre for Liveable Cities, which has been fruitful over the last four years,” said Ms Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, UN-Habitat. “The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that, more than ever, collaboration at all levels is crucial to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. We are looking forward to strengthening our partnership with the Centre for Liveable Cities to help build the capacities of city leaders for strong and resilient cities.”

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### **About CLC**

Set up in 2008, the Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC)'s mission is to distil, create and share knowledge on liveable and sustainable cities. CLC's work spans four main areas — Research, Capability Development, Knowledge Platforms, and Advisory. Through these activities, CLC hopes to provide urban leaders and practitioners with the knowledge and support needed to make our cities better. CLC and Singapore's the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), jointly organises the biennial World Cities Summit, an exclusive platform for government leaders and industry experts to address liveable and sustainable city challenges, share integrated urban solutions and forge new partnerships. For more information, visit [www.clc.gov.sg](http://www.clc.gov.sg) and [www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg](http://www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg).

### **About UN-Habitat**

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